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1. In August and September 1952 there was a pepper shortage in Communist China. During this period the price per catty, which had formerly been JMP 10,000, went up to JMP 280,000, and some people were willing to pay JMP 480,000 per catty. Pepper was being collected by the Chinese Communist Government for military use.
2. By 1 September 1952, rice supplies which had been stored in P'ingyang (120-33, 27-42) had been transferred to warehouses in Lingch'i (120-23, 27-30) and Shuit'ou (120-19, 27-39), and rice supplies which had been in the Juian (120-38, 27-49) area had been transferred to warehouses in P'ingyangk'eng (120-22, 27-46) and Taa0 (1129/3421),¹ about thirteen miles northwest of P'ingyang.
3. By late July 1952, eight oil² refineries had been set up in Foochow. The names of these refineries were as follows:

Yungkuang (3057/0342)

Chiangkuang (3068/0342)

Chient'ai (1696/1132)

Jungkuang (2827/0342)

Kuanghua (0342/5478)

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1. Comment. The character received for ao was 8315.
2. Comment. Probably tung oil.

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